

# ELINOR WONDERS WHY

207A Junior Ranger Elinor

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**Elinor's Question:** Can the forest grow back after it's damaged by a fire?

**Elinor's Answer:** Yes, forests are constantly growing and changing. Natural fires can be a healthy part of the life of a forest.

**Logline:** Elinor is discouraged when her and Ranger Rabbit's favorite spot in the forest is damaged by a fire, until the kids learn that natural fires aren't always a bad thing and that the forest will grow back.

**Scientist:** Jennifer Williams

## Curriculum Goals:

**PRIMARY CURRICULUM GOAL LS4.** Understand that all animals and plants have a life cycle, can reproduce, and change and grow over time. [Elinor learns the fire will grow back after its damaged by the fire]

**SECONDARY LEARNING GOALS ND4:** Appreciate the way that elements in the natural world change, interact and are re-used. [The kids observe how different parts of the forest look, one spot is smaller than the other]

SEPl. Asking questions a. Demonstrate curiosity about the greater world outside of their local environment

b. Ask more complex questions about observable phenomena [Elinor and her friends wonder why the forest look different in some areas]

**MAINS:** Elinor, Ranger Rabbit

**SECONDARIES:** Ari, Olive, Joe Mouse, Gee Raffe

**LOCATIONS:** Ranger Cabin, Lodgepole Forest Location (burned), Elinor's Bedroom

**PROPS:** Ranger Hat, Pinecones, Seeds, Do Not Disturb Signs, Lodgepole Pine Cone Seeds

OUTLINE: February 17th, 2023

OUTLINE V2: February 28th, 2023

FIRST DRAFT: March 9th, 2023

SECOND DRAFT: March 21st, 2023

POLISH DRAFT: March 29th, 2023

RECORD DRAFT: April 6th, 2023

Ms. Gee Raffe is one of Ranger Rabbit's deputies. She's bursting with enthusiasm and passion for all things nature, especially the forest around Animal Town. She seems to always be on the lookout which is perfect because of her long neck. She tends to get distracted easily and since she's so tall, she often misplaces things, even though they're usually directly in front of her – she just needs to look down.



GEE RAFFE  
 Hmm... so interesting...

ELINOR (O.S.)  
 What's so interesting, Ranger Gee Raffe?

Gee Raffe spins around, confused.

GEE RAFFE  
 Huh? Who said that?

WE REVEAL Elinor is directly in front of Gee Raffe, but Gee Raffe's neck makes her so tall, she doesn't notice the little bunny.

ELINOR  
 <GIGGLE> I did, Gee Raffe. It's me Elinor, down here!

GEE RAFFE  
 <GIGGLE> Ohhh hello my little-tiny Junior Forest Ranger.

ELINOR  
 What are you doing?

GEE RAFFE  
 I'm putting up some DO NOT DISTURB SIGNS around this special tree. It needs protection!

Gee Raffe indicates a little oak sapling.

ELINOR  
 Why does it need protection?

GEE RAFFE  
 This is a Shumard Oak Tree, there's not many of them growing in this area. So, we need to make sure no one disturbs this little one.

ELINOR  
 Ooooh! That's soooo interesting! I can help put up the signs!

Elinor scoops up the signs and carefully places them around the tree.

ELINOR (CONT'D)  
 There! Now it's protected!

Gee Raffe is looking through her binoculars, far off in the distance. Distracted.

GEE RAFFE

Huh? Who said that? Is that you,  
Elinor?

BINOCULARS POV: Elinor is SUPER CLOSE UP.

ELINOR

<GIGGLES> Yes, Ranger Gee Raffe.

Elinor holds up an extra DO NOT DISTURB SIGN. Gee Raffe removes the binoculars and spots the sign and the little bunny.

GEE RAFFE

Oh... Thanks Elinor – er.. I mean  
Junior Ranger Elinor. Why don't you  
keep exploring and let us know if  
you see anything the forest needs.

Elinor stands at attention.

ELINOR

Will do!

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